

## Message Text

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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TBIO, ETRD, MX  
SUBJECT: LAETRILE (AMYGDALIN)

RFF: STATE 049069

1. IN 1974 GOM AGENCY FOR CONTROL OF FOOD, BEVERAGES AND DRUGS OF SECRETARIAT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE GAVE PROVISIONAL APPROVAL TO TWO LABORATORIES IN BAJA CALIF (KEM LABS AND CITOFARMA LABS) TO MANUFACTURE LAETRILE, CONTINGENT ON PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN TREATMENT OF CANCER.
2. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AT END OF 1976, THIS APPROVAL WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE NO POSITIVE RESULTS WERE OBTAINED IN RESEARCH CARRIED OUT AT THE MEDICAL CENTER GENERAL HOSPITAL. (ONLY OBSERVED EFFECTS OF LAETRILE ON SOME CANCER PATIENTS WERE ANALGESIC.)
3. AT PRESENT TIME THE LAETRILE MANUFACTURERS ARE APPEALING THE DECISION TO BAN IT AND THE MATTER IS NOW IN THE COURTS.
4. MEXICAN POLICY RE APPROVAL OF DRUGS IN GENERAL IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF FDA. THOMPSON

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